

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 2687

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, ET, SO, KE

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA CLASH

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1246, NAIROBI 2426

EMBASSY CONTACTED UPI CORRESPONDENT WHO FILED STORY ON ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA CLASH (HE HAD BEEN AWAY FROM NAIROBI UNTIL MARCH 1). HE IS UNWILLING TO IDENTIFY HIS SOURCE, BUT HE ASSERTS CATEGORICALLY THAT HE DID NOT TALK TO AID PILOT, NOR DID HE OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM ANY AMERICAN SOURCE. HE SAID INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN KENYA, NOT IN ETHIOPIA. FURTHER, HE SAYS HE DID NOT ATTRIBUTE INFORMATION TO "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" IN STORY HE FILED, AND CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THAT PHRASE APPEARED IN STORY UNLESS UPI ADDED PARAGRAPH FROM SOME OTHER CORRESPONDENT. REGRET INACCURATE ATTRIBUTION TO USAID PILOT IN REF B, WHICH WAS BASED ON RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY BY BRITISH CORRESPONDENT WHO HAD FILED TO HIS LONDON PAPER USING UPI STORY AS SOURCE. MARSHALL

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